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Senior Adam Switzer, Apple Valley, Minn., Earns Microsoft® Office 2010 Master Certification

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Adam Switzer (at right), a senior at the University of Minnesota Crookston from Apple Valley, Minn., majoring in sport and recreation management, successfully passed the Microsoft® Office 2010 Master Certification. He is the first student to earn the certification at the master level from the Crookston campus. The U of M Crookston is Microsoft Testing Site for such certification.



The Microsoft Office Master certification denotes fluency in several important Microsoft Office applications. To achieve this highest designation, a candidate must pass three required exams and one elective exam. The required exams are Word 2010 Expert, Excel® 2010 Expert and PowerPoint® 2010.

The benefits of the certification as a Microsoft Office Master are to build credibility through proof of skills, to set yourself apart as a desktop computing expert, to differentiate yourself from your peers, to possess a professional recognition accepted around the world, and to demonstrate computing efficiency in the workplace.

The Microsoft Office certification program within the university helps provide graduates tangible proof they possess skills that make them ideal hires. This certification gives students a leg up in a difficult job market.

"When our students are competing against other students from other business schools, if all things are equal, this is a differentiator for our students," explains Twyla Treanor, assistant professor in the Math, Science, and Technology Department. "We know students need to look at every angle possible to stand out and get ahead."

Microsoft Certified Application Specialist certifications are primarily for those who use Microsoft Office programs as a vital part of their job functions. To learn more about the Microsoft Certification available at the U of M Crookston website

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